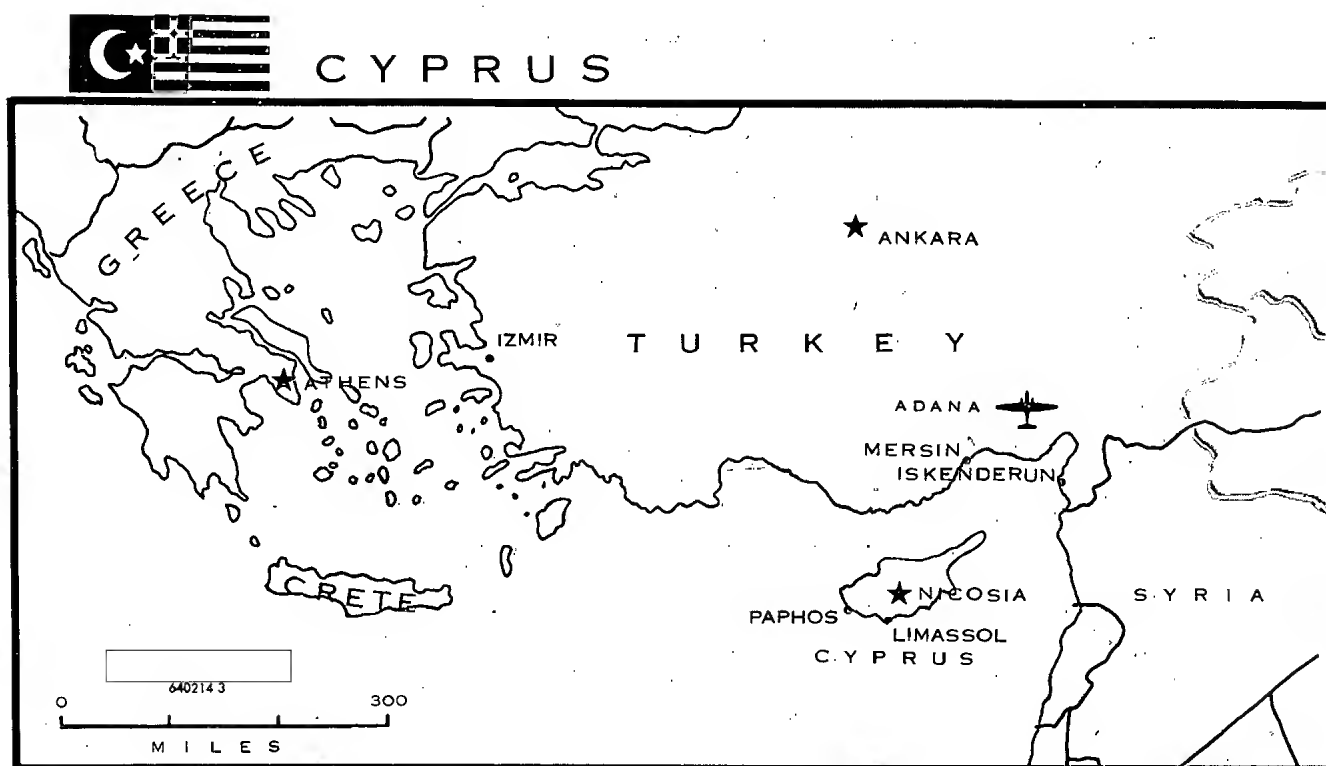


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. The heavy fighting which broke out in the Paphos area yesterday was resumed this morning.

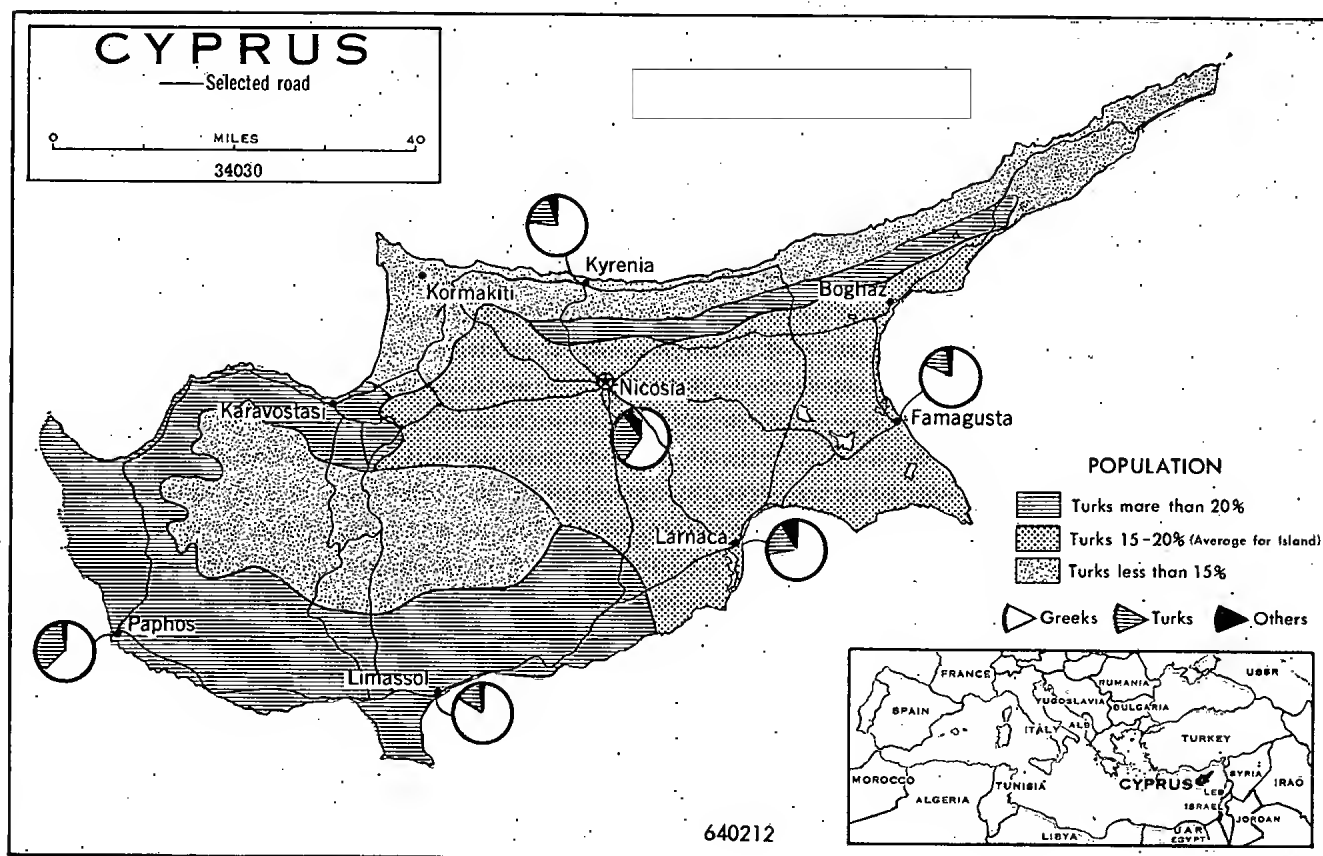
b. British troops are supervising a flimsy ceasefire in Limassol, the scene of four days of bitter clashes earlier in the week.

c. It seems evident that Makarios no longer has much control over Greek Cypriot action groups. He himself is apparently being manipulated by his extremist-minded ministers, at least one of whom is now publicly packing a pistol. Makarios impressed Ball as fearing both for his job and his life.

d. The suspicion is growing that Greek Cypriot security authorities are more interested in liquidating Turks than in restoring law and order.

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f. Rumors breed easily in the tense atmosphere, and one of these

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is that a Turkish village south of Nicosia is surrounded and will get the same treatment as the Turkish quarter of Limassol.

g. This, we fear, could bring in Turkish armed forces. The leaders of the Turkish community, for the first time, are urging such intervention as the only solution.

h. Makarios still has his eye on the UN. His representative in New York has alerted U Thant to the possibility that he may call for an emergency meeting if the Turks move. If not, he wants an ordinary meeting next week.

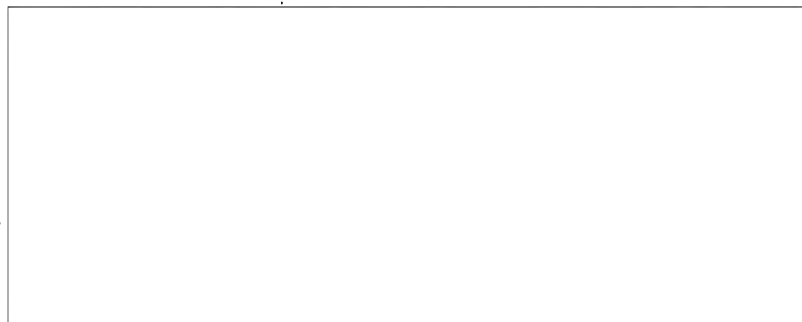
i. Foreign Minister Kyprianou is scheduled to fly to New York tonight to present Makarios' case.

2. Turkey-Cyprus

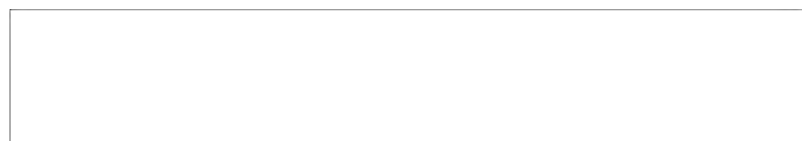
a. Turkish armed forces have been honed to a high state of readiness. They could move at any time.

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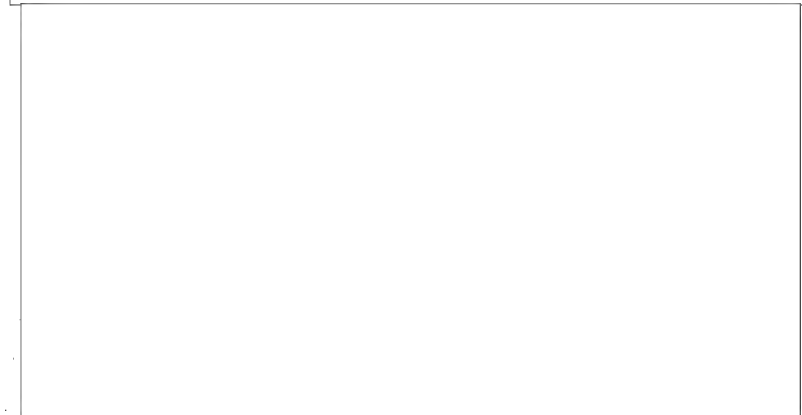
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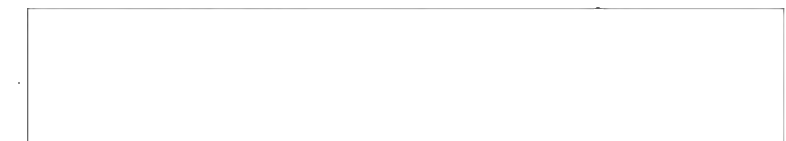
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h. Inonu told Ball yesterday that Turkey would do nothing to "create difficulties" as long as the lid stays on in Cyprus. He would in any case inform us before acting.

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3. USSR-Cyprus

a. A Soviet UN delegate is spreading the word that the USSR would respond favorably to a Greek Cypriot request for aid if attacked by Turkey.

b. The official implied that military assistance would be included. We consider direct Soviet military action against either Cyprus or Turkey to be a remote possibility.

c. In this connection, [redacted]

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[redacted] the USSR would contribute financially to a peacekeeping operation [redacted]

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d. We are not certain how to evaluate these remarks. We have assumed that the Soviet aim was to keep the Cyprus pot boiling with the hope of weakening NATO's eastern flank and eventually seeing a pro-Soviet group installed in Nicosia.

4. Ethiopia-Somalia

a. Sporadic fighting persisted in the troubled Ogaden yesterday.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] Ethiopian raids across the frontier. Ethiopian posts along the border [redacted] attacked by the Somalis.

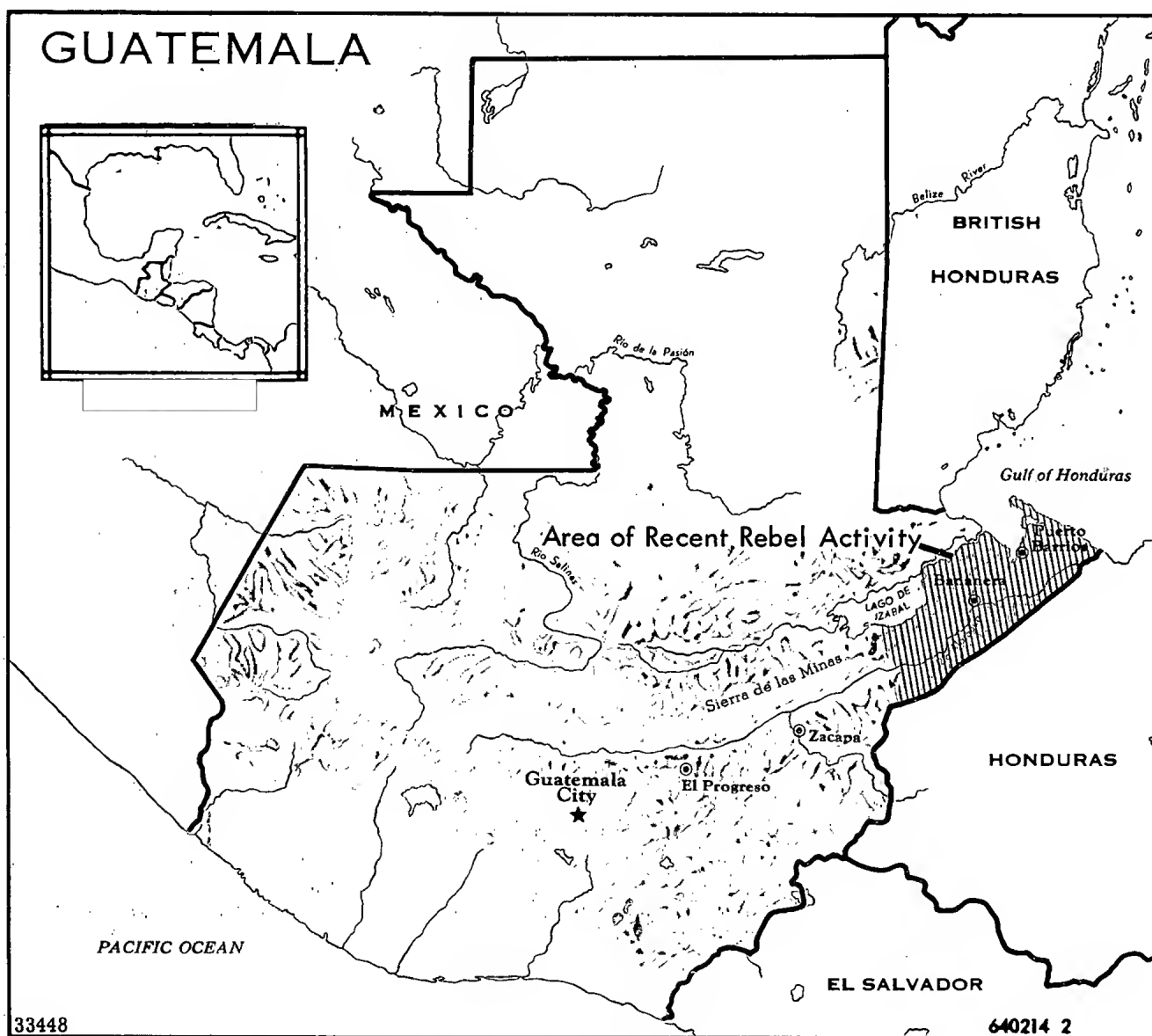
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c. The crisis seems, however, to be subsiding. The Organization for African Unity, which called for a ceasefire yesterday, resolved to send a five-nation commission to the frontier area to see that the ceasefire is effective.

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- A. Guatemala Guerrilla forces are planning a major effort to overthrow the Peralta government [redacted]

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- B. Honduras [redacted] planning a counter coup. This sort of talk is hardly new, but unrest in the military is widespread. It is always possible that one or another group will make common cause with discontented Liberal Party elements to throw out the Lopez government.

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- C. Algeria-Tanganyika The Ben Bella regime will accede to Nyerere's request for troops to help keep order in Tanganyika. Nigeria has also agreed, but Ethiopia, the third nation asked, may find it hard to spring any forces at this time.

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E. France-China Paris has now ordered the Chinese Nationalist diplomats to depart by next Thursday.

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F. Communist China Chou En-lai arrived in Rangoon yesterday, the first stop on a two-week tour that will take him to Pakistan and Ceylon. He will be returning to China at the end of the month, and apparently is not planning to return to Africa to pick up the several East African states he missed earlier.

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